

# Western Community Centred College for the Retired

**Our motto is: “Learn for Fun, Teach for Pleasure!”**

To maintain a fun and enjoyable learning environment for everyone, we like to abide by these ethics and ask that you do when you come to our college.

## **Respect, feedback transparency and fun!**

### **Respect:**

Whenever you walk through the doors of WCCCR, whether you're an instructor, student or a board member, we ask that you treat those around you with respect and dignity.

**Students:** We ask that you please show respect to others, allow other students to express their questions in class and listen respectfully to your instructor. Please raise your hand if you have a question and please keep a respectful tone of voice. If you have an issue with the class itself, we ask that you come to see the registrar and express your concerns. You can also give us a call at: **604-517-8732** if you don't have time to see the registrar in person after your class.

**Instructors:** We ask that you please listen to any questions that students ask patiently and understand learning comes at all different levels.

This is a professional learning environment and while healthy and open dialogue is encouraged, we ask that the social element does not overtake the learning element of your class. There should be a beautiful balance between teaching and relaxing. We also ask that you create a comfortable environment for people with differences of opinion from you. **Conversations surrounding Covid-19, politics, religion and other divisive topics are discouraged in classrooms, not because you don't have a right to your opinion, but because of the vulnerable role a student is in, in trying to respect and listen to their teacher in this kind of setting. Because of these dynamics, a student may not feel comfortable speaking up if they have a difference of opinion from their teacher.** If this is something you disagree with as teacher, please speak with our registrar and we will sit down with the president and discuss.

## **Feedback Transparency:**

**Students:** Please feel free to share any positive or negative experiences you had in your classroom. We will listen to your concerns and keep them confidential and if it's something the college can change or we believe should change, your feedback will remain confidential. Your ideas and experiences can help shape the college into a better environment so we'll always listen. We will often tell you right away the reasons why something might not be able to be changed or will get you an answer as to why something works the way it does. We're here to listen, but also to be transparent ourselves.

**Teachers:** We ask that you remain open-minded to feedback and respect other people's opinions on possible changes that may need to be implemented to your classroom. If we've come to you with feedback and you think this is something that can't be changed, please open up the discussion and tell us why. We are here to listen and respect that you may not be able to change certain elements of your classes if it does not make sense. As long as you keep an open mind, we are here to discuss!

**Most importantly, this is a place of enjoyment, learning and a place to relax and socialize. So please, have fun!**